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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Wilene Shumway W.K. Enterprises 3080 Spanish Trail Drive Moab, Utah 84532

Re: Firefly Mine Discharge

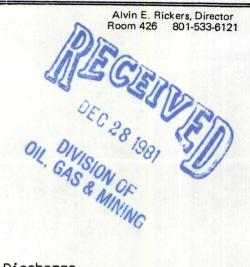
Dear Mr. Shumway:

Our June letter which was received by W.K. Enterprises on June 12, 1981 requested that the company immediately cease the discharge of water disturbed by mining operations. The enclosed sample analyses 814715 of the Firefly mine discharge of August 12, 1981 indicated the following unsatisfactory results:

	Effluent	State Standard
Total Suspended Solids (mg/l) Gross Alpha (pc/l)	20,300 8,775	25 15
Gross Beta (pc/l)	2,615	50
Radium-226 (pc/l)	1,478	5

A search of our files does not indicate that plans were ever submitted for improving this discharge as we requested. You are again requested to cease the discharge of water disturbed by mining operations. We also request that W.K. Enterprises submit by January 15, 1982 the following information:

- 1. Diagram of mine water source, mining areas, haulage way, mine dump and mine water flow from the source to the stream.
- 2. Number of days of operation since June 12, 1981.
- Corrective measures used to prevent the discharge of water disturbed by mining operations.



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- 4. The date any corrective measures were implemented.
- 5. Proposed plans and information including specific dates for implementation of additional mine water discharge treatment. This must include diversion of the mine water away from the waste rock dump.

You are again reminded that prior to initiating construction of any wastewater treatment system, the plans must be approved by this office.

Sincerely,

UTAH WATER POLLUTION CONTROL COMMITTEE

Calvin K. Sudweeks Executive Secretary

SRM: drb

Enclosure

cc: Fred Nelson, Assistant Attorney General Oil, Gas and Mining

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